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NBC Radio Staff Benefit from Gender-Based Violence Training

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea: Program officers from national and provincial National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) stations participated in a five-day workshop on human rights and gender-based violence from May 6-10 in Port Moresby.

The workshop was facilitated by CIMC's Family Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC) and Family Health International (FHI) and received funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). NBC program officers and journalists developed a deeper understanding of human rights and gender-based violence which will help them in developing more thorough reporting and outreach to radio listeners.

"We would very much like to support and sustain the working relationship with NBC and provide training on eliminating violence against women in PNG. The training enables journalists to report responsibly and accurately towards this sensitive issue," said Isi Oru, FSVAC Family Support Centre Coordinator.

The training also served as a follow-on training for NBC journalists who have worked with FSVAC on the "Use Your Voice" campaign through talkback radio shows.

During the closing of the workshop, U.S. Embassy official and Director for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mr. Steven Terrell-Perica, encouraged participants to be searchers of truth by practicing investigative journalism and being community leaders through the stories they report.

"I hope this workshop has opened your minds to the underlying and complex topics related to gender-based violence. This is a critical issue. You, as journalists, have an important role to play in raising the public's awareness on the evils of gender-based violence and to help mobilize the community to stop it," said Terrell-Perica.

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